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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: INT, PGOV, IS  
SUBJECT: MRS. RABIN SENTENCED

REF: TEL AVIV 2556

1. THE TEL AVIV DISTRICT COURT HEARD THE CASE OF MRS. LEAH RABIN APRIL 17. IN A SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF HER CASE SHE WAS CONVICTED ON HER ADMISSION OF HAVING FAILED TO DECLARE OWNERSHIP OF FOREIGN CURRENCY, AND AFTER A SHORT RECESS THE JUDGE IMPOSED A SENTENCE OF 250,000 POUNDS FINE OR A YEAR IN JAIL. MRS. RABIN'S ATTORNEY SAID THAT HE WAS CONSIDERING FILING AN APPEAL.

2. COMMENT: THERE SEEMS TO BE A GENERAL FEELING AMONG ISRAELIS THAT THE FINE WAS FAIR AND NOT EXCESSIVE. THE AMOUNT OF CURRENCY INVOLVED IN THE ACCOUNTS TOTALED 195,000 POUNDS AND THE COURT COULD HAVE FINED HER THREE TIMES THAT AMOUNT AND  
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SENTENCED HER TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON. THIS FEELING THAT THE SENTENCE WAS A PROPER ONE IS HEIGHTENED BY THE JUDGE'S COMMENT THAT MRS. RABIN CANNOT CLAIM THAT HER FAILURE TO CLOSE THE ACCOUNT WAS AN OVERSIGHT BECAUSE SHE WITHDREW MONEY FROM THE ACCOUNT EIGHT DIFFERENT TIMES AND USED THE NEW YORK ADDRESS OF A

RELATIVE IN HER TRANSACTIONS WITH THE BANK.  
THERE IS ALSO A GENERAL FEELING AMONG ISRAELIS  
THAT THE MATTER IS NOW CLOSED AND THAT JUSTICE  
HAS BEEN DONE.  
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